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**PATENT**

**Our Case No. 907/045**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Robert D. Brand ) Group Art Unit 3725  
Serial No.: 09/377,120 ) Examiner: W. Donald Bray  
Filed: August 19, 1999 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
RETAINING A FLITCH FOR CUTTING )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2002**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, please consider the following  
amendments and remarks and the enclosed Letter to the Official Draftsman with corrections of  
FIGS. 21 and 22. A request for extension of time of two months, along with the small entity fee  
therefor, is enclosed. No additional fees are believed required, however, should any additional fees  
be deemed necessary, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

**In the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph on page 8, lines 20-22 and insert therefore:

--Fig. 22 is a partial cross-sectional view taken transversely of a flitch table of Fig. 16-17 for  
illustrating a modular assembly for holding a flitch and its engagement with the flitch table;--

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